

Resolution

No. 08-15

RECOGNIZING 2008 AS THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE REEF

WHEREAS, 2008 is being recognized as the International Year of the Reef by the State of Hawaii, the counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui, and the City and County of Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, the International Year of the Reef is a yearlong global campaign to raise awareness about the beauty and value of coral reefs as well as the concerns that pose a threat to their existence; and

WHEREAS, coral reefs are often referred to as the rain forests of the sea, and the Hawaiian waters contain hundreds of thousands of acres of living reef that is home to more than 5,000 known species of marine plants and animals, with about one in four species found nowhere else in the world; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii's coral reefs create the islands' legendary surf and assist in the prevention of damaging coastal erosion; and

WHEREAS, the net benefits of Hawaii's coral reefs have been estimated at \$360 million a year with an overall asset value of \$10 billion; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, the reefs in Hawaii and around the world are under tremendous stress from pollution, the introduction of alien species, over fishing, and recreational overuse; and

WHEREAS, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Coral Conservation Program urges the public to limit the use of chemical cleaning products and fertilizers, keep green waste and debris out of storm drains and waterways, avoid stepping on coral or disturbing sediments, fish responsibly, take extreme care when anchoring near reefs, maintain the cleanliness and mechanics of boats, and conserve water; and

WHEREAS, through proper management, community involvement and scientific understanding, the people of the County of Maui will be able to aspire to the Hawaiian theme for the International Year of the Reef 2008, "Ola Na Papa I Pulama Ia" (cherish the living reef); now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it hereby recognizes 2008 as the International Year of the Reef; and
2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Linda Lingle; Mayor Charmaine Tavares; the Maui Chapter of the Hawaii Nature Conservancy; the Pacific Whale Foundation; the Maui Ocean Center; Kimokeo Kapahulehua, President, `Ao `ao O Na Loko I `a O Maui; Skippy Hau, Aquatic Biologist, Maui Division, Department of Land and Natural Resources; and the Surfrider Foundation.

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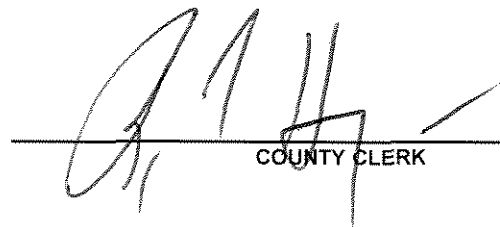
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WAILUKU, HAWAII 96793

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

It is HEREBY CERTIFIED that RESOLUTION NO. 08-15 was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on the 22nd day of February, 2008, by the following vote:

MEMBERS	G. Riki HOKAMA Chair	Dennis A. MATEO Vice-Chair	Michelle ANDERSON	Gladys C. BAISA	Jo Anne JOHNSON	William J. MEDEIROS	Michael J. MOLINA	Joseph PONTANILLA	Michael P. VICTORINO
ROLL CALL	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye



COUNTY CLERK